

REMARKS

In the final Action of October 16, 2003, claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10-13, 22, 26, 28, 29 and 31-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited references. However, claims 41 and 42 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

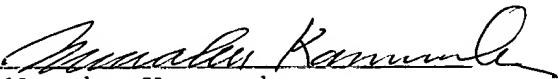
In view of the rejections and indication of allowability, claims 1 and 22 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 41 and 42, respectively. Claims 7, 8, 41 and 42 have been cancelled. Thus, the dependent claims now pending in the application depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 or claim 22 indicated to be allowable over the cited references.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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